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ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee are listed in the letter dated 22 September 1995 from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/50/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/50/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/50/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee, which has been issued in an addendum to the present document (A/C.2/50/L.1/Add.1/Rev.1). The draft programme of work should be read in conjunction with the list of documents in order to obtain a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

Length of statements

4. In recent years, the Second Committee decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 10 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

5. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of six formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In addition there will be no possibility of meetings beyond 6 p.m. or of night meetings. In this connection, the General Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the General Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

6. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, there will be little or no possibility of servicing informal consultations or working groups, or meetings of regional or other groups of Member States other than through utilization of the quota of formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee. As a result, as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. The Committee is reminded that, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council are to be considered in company with other agenda items, as well as under item 12. The list of documents (see para. 3 above) contains further information on this procedure.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Second Committee set a target date of 1 December for the conclusion of its work.

ANNEX

Draft proposed programme of work of the Second Committee

Item to be considered		Document title and symbol
Week of 2-6 October		
Tuesday, 3 October		
10 a.m.		
Election of two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur		
Organization of work		Organization of work of the Second Committee (A/C.2/50/L.1/Rev.1)
3 p.m.		
General debate		
Wednesday, 4 October		
10 a.m.		
General debate		
Week of 9-13 October		
Monday, 9 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
General debate (continued)		
Tuesday, 10 October		
3 p.m.		
General debate (concluded)		
Wednesday, 11 October		
10 a.m.		
Item 101	International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 49/127) (A/50/479 and E/1995/69)

Item to be considered		Document title and symbol
Thursday, 12 October		
10 a.m.		
Item 101 (concluded)		
3 p.m.		
Item 102	Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 49/128) (A/50/190-E/1995/73)
Friday, 13 October		
3 p.m.		
Item 102 (concluded)		
Week of 16-20 October		
Tuesday, 17 October		
3 p.m.		
Item 94	Macroeconomic policy questions	Letter dated 23 February 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Additional Protocol to the Treaty of Asunción (A/50/91)
		Letter dated 19 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents, in English and French, of the G-7 Summit held at Halifax from 15 to 17 June 1995 (A/50/254-S/1995/501)
	(a) Financing of development	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of the potential sources of financing for development (resolution 48/187) (A/50/397)
	(b) Long-term trends in social and economic development	Report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000 (resolution 43/194) (A/50/429)
	(c) External debt crisis and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/94 (A/50/379)
Wednesday, 18 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 94 (concluded)		

Item to be considered		Document title and symbol
Thursday, 19 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 99	Agenda for development	Letter dated 10 February 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakstan and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/50/83) Letter dated 19 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/50/254-S/1995/501) Letter dated 8 September 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/50/425-S/1995/787) Letter dated 17 July 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/50/[illegible]8)
Friday, 20 October		
10 a.m.		
Item 96*	Environment and sustainable development	
	(f) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction	Report of the Secretary-General (A/50/201-E/1995/74) Report of the Secretary-General on core activities (A/50/521) Report of the Secretary-General on early warning capacities of the United Nations system with regard to natural disasters (A/50/526)
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 99	
3 p.m.		
Item 98*	Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 49/125) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the UNITAR Board of Trustees on the current and future work plan of UNITAR (A/50/472)

* Consideration deferred to a later date, to be announced.

Item to be considered		Document title and symbol
Week of 23-27 October		
Thursday, 26 October		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 12	Report of the Economic and Social Council	Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 (A/50/3) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system" (A/50/126-E/1995/20) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the above-mentioned report (A/50/126/Add.1-E/1995/20/Add.1) Note by the Secretary-General on the United Nations Population Award (resolution 38/201) (A/50/132) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the progress made in the implementation of the global AIDS strategy (Assembly resolution 47/40 and Council resolution 1993/51) (A/50/175-E/1995/57) Report of the Secretary-General on preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa (Assembly resolution 49/135 and Council resolution 1994/34) (A/50/180-E/1995/63) Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation for all during the first half of the 1990s (resolution 45/181) (A/50/213-E/1995/87) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on economic and social consequences of the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and the Syrian Golan (resolution 49/132) (A/50/262-E/1995/59) Report of the Secretary-General containing an analysis of the role of public administration and development and recommendations for strengthening the role of the public administration and development for the benefit of developing countries and countries with economies in transition (resolution 49/136)

Item to be considered		Document title and symbol
Friday, 27 October		
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 12	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 100	Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (concluded)	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 49/95) (A/50/480) Letter dated 17 July 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/50/308)
Week of 30 October-3 November		
Monday, 30 October		
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 100	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 96	Environment and sustainable development	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eighteenth session (A/50/25) Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the United Nations Environment Programme (resolution 48/174) (A/50/171) Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (resolutions 34/173 and 39/229) (A/50/182-E/1995/66 and Corr. 1) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on activities of UNEP in environmental monitoring (resolution 48/192) (A/50/371) Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (resolution 3436 (XXX)) (A/C.2/50/2) Letter dated 19 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents, in English and French, of the G-7 Summit held at Halifax from 15 to 17 June 1995 (A/50/254-S/1995/501) Letter dated 8 September 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/50/425-S/1995/787)

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its third session (resolution 47/191) (A/50/3) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 49/234 (A/50/515) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (resolution 49/234) (A/50/74) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the seventh session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (A/50/74/Add.1) Report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the 1st meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (resolution 49/117) (A/50/218) Report of the Secretary-General on the scope and format of the 1997 special session of the General Assembly on a comprehensive review of Agenda 21 (resolution 47/190) (A/50/453)
(b) Desertification and drought	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of UNEP on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (resolution 48/175) (A/50/227-E/1995/99) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly resolution 48/175 on desertification and drought (A/50/347) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 49/115 on observance of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (A/50/516)
Tuesday, 31 October 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Item 96 (continued) (a) and (b)	

Item to be considered		Document title and symbol
Wednesday, 1 November		
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 94, 101 and 102	
3 p.m.		
Item 96 (continued) (a) and (b)		
Thursday, 2 November		
3 p.m.		
Item 96 (concluded) (a) and (b)		
Friday, 3 November		
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 96 (a) and (b)	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Informal consultations		
Week of 6-10 November		
Monday, 6 November		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 96	Environment and sustainable development	
	(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 49/120 on the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the final report of the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (resolution 49/120) (A/50/536)
	(e) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 49/122) (A/50/422 and Add.1)

Item to be considered		Document title and symbol
Tuesday, 7 November		
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 96 (d) and (e)	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 97	Operational activities for development	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "National execution of projects" (A/50/113)
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the above-mentioned report (A/50/113/Add.1)
		Letter dated 19 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents, in English and French, of the G-7 Summit held at Halifax from 15 to 17 June 1995 (A/50/254-S/1995/501)
		Letter dated 8 September 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/50/425-S/1995/787)
	(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries	Report of the High-level Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on the work of its ninth session (A/50/39)
		Report of the Secretary-General (resolutions 33/134 and 48/172) (A/50/421)
		Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (resolution 48/173)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the status of South-South cooperation (resolutions 48/164 and 49/96) (A/50/340 and Add.1)
Wednesday, 8 November		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 97	Operational activities for development	
	(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system	Report of the Secretary-General (resolutions 44/211, 47/199 and 48/209) (A/50/202-E/1995/76)

Item to be considered		Document title and symbol
		Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 1994 (A/50/202/Add.1-E/1995/76/Add.1) Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for the year 1993 (A/50/202/Add.2-E/1995/76/Add.2) Note by the Secretariat on a summary of actions taken by the executive boards of United Nations development funds and programmes and United Nations bodies in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/33 (A/50/202/Add.3-E/1995/76/Add.3)
Thursday, 9 November		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 97 (a) (continued)		
Friday, 10 November		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		
Item 97 (a) (concluded)		
Week of 13-17 November		
Monday, 13 November		
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 97	
3 p.m.		
Item 95	Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	Letter dated 27 March 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the press communiqué issued by the fifty-fourth session of the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council, held at Riyadh on 19 and 20 March 1995 (A/50/123-S/1995/228) Letter dated 8 September 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/50/425-S/1995/782)

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
	Report of the Secretary-General on the Programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (resolution 49/107) (A/50/487)
	Letter dated 19 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/50/254-S/1995/201)
	Letter dated 21 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the press release issued by the fifty-fifth session of the Ministerial Council of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Arabian Gulf, held in Riyadh on 10 and 11 June 1995 (A/50/255-S/1995/504)
(a) Trade and Development	Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its forty-first session (A/50/15, vol. I)
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on the first part of its forty-second session (A/50/15, vol. II)
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its resumed eighth executive session (A/50/15, vol. III)
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its tenth executive session (A/50/15, vol. IV)
	Report of the Secretary-General on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (resolution 48/169) (A/50/341)
	Report of the Secretary-General on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (resolution 48/167) (A/50/486)
	Report of the Secretary-General on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (resolution 48/168) (A/50/439)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the proposals of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for translating commitments made at the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations regarding the least developed among the developing countries and net food-importing countries into concrete action (resolution 49/99)

Item to be considered		Document title and symbol
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the outcome of the Third United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (decision 48/442)
		Letter dated 8 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Delhi Declaration issued at the 8th meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the member countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, held at New Delhi from 2 to 4 May 1995 (A/50/215-S/1995/475)
	(d) Science and technology for development	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly resolution 48/179 (A/50/649)
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations system support for science and technology in Africa" (A/50/125-E/1995/19)
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administration Committee on Coordination on the above-mentioned report (A/50/125/Add.1-E/1995/19/Add.1)
	(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/171 and 49/98
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Mid-term Review of the implementation of the Programme of Action (resolution 49/98)
Tuesday, 14 November		
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 95 (a), (d) and (e)	
3 p.m.		
Item 95	Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	
	(b) Human settlements	Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fifteenth session, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (resolutions 32/162, 43/180 and 43/181) (A/50/8 and Add.1)

Item to be considered		Document title and symbol
	(c) United Nations Conference for Human Settlements (Habitat II)	Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference (resolutions 47/180 and 49/109) (A/50/37) Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for Habitat II (resolution 49/109) (A/50/519) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the regional commissions on the preparations for the Conference at the regional level (resolution 49/109) (A/50/411)
Wednesday, 15 November		
10 a.m.		
Item 95	(b) and (c) (concluded)	
3 p.m.		
Item 95	(f) Women in development	Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (resolution 42/178) (A/50/399)
	(g) Human resources development	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 48/205) (A/50/330)
	(h) Business and development	Report of the Secretary-General on policies and activities related to entrepreneurship, privatization, demonopolization and administrative deregulation (resolution 48/180) (A/50/417)
	(i) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (resolutions 47/196 and 49/110) (A/50/396) Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for and observance of the International Year and the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (resolutions 48/183 and 49/110) (A/50/551) Letter dated 8 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Delhi Declaration (A/50/215-S/1995/475)
	(j) United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 48/60) (A/50/501)

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Thursday, 16 November	
1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 95 (b) and (c)	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 95 (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) (continued)	
Friday, 17 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 95 (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) (concluded)	
Week of 20-24 November	
Monday, 20 November	
1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 95 (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j)	
Informal consultations	
Week of 27 November-1 December	
Informal consultations and conclusion of the work of the Second Committee	